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TENNESSEE FIRE SERVICE AND CODES ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

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COMMISSIONER NEWMAN TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bell Buckle, TN – State Fire Marshal and Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie A. Newman will deliver the commencement address to the recruit firefighter class at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy this Friday.

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, this state-of-the-art training facility has been a “home away from home” for the recruits during this 8 week class.

Comprised of 18 students from 9 fire departments across the state, recruits perform a variety of training exercises. From victim rescue, to hazardous fuel spills and a live fire, recruits are presented with a variety of life and death scenarios.

“The Academy is proud to have played a tremendous part in the students training and education”, said Roger Hawks, Executive Director. “The students are better prepared to protect the citizens in their local communities.”

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy offers a unique dual curriculum. The Academy provides nearly 500 courses to fire departments, codes professionals and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Recruit / Firefighter I Participating Fire Departments:

Cookeville Fire Department	Dickson Fire Department
Manchester Fire Department	Mauzy County Rural Fire Department
Mt. Pleasant Fire Department	Oak Ridge Fire Department
Rockvale Fire Department	Smyrna Fire Department
Williamson County Rescue Squad	

For more information about the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, visit www.state.tn.us/commerce/sfm/tfaca or call toll free 1-800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111

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